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Applicant(s) : Maher et al.  
Appl. No. : 10/620,312  
Filed : July 14, 2003  
For : ION CHANNEL ASSAY  
METHODS  
Examiner : Unassigned  
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 with five (5) references.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-1410.
- (X) Return prepaid postcard.

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing five references that are also enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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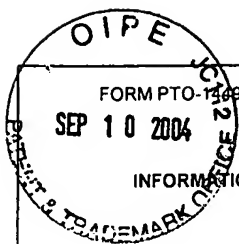
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE (IF APPROPRIATE)
	1	4,695,547	9/22/1987	Hillard et al.			
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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